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PASS FREDERICK C. ERSKINE FROM THOMASSON

REF: TOKYO 6105

DEPT: PASS AGRICULTURE FOR FAS & APHIS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: MAF PLANT PROTECTION SUBMITTED TO AGATT OFFICIAL REQUEST ASKING THAT U.S.-SIDE PROCEED WITH PLANS TO ALLOW MAF INSPECTION OF ONO-PAC PAPAYA TO BEGIN ON MAY 29. END SUMMARY.

2. REPS. OF AGATT OFFICE VISITED MAF PLANT PROTECTION DIVISION YESTERDAY (AY 28) AT INVITATION OF MAF.

3. DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON APPARENT CHANGE MADE BY HAWAII DEPT. OF AGRIC. IN PLANS TO ALLOW ONO-PAC CORP TO BEGIN SHIPPING PAPAYA TO JAPAN ON MAY 29.

4. MAF IS NOT CLEAR ON REASON(S) FOR APPARENT CHANGE. THEY STATED THAT THERE IS NO REASON ON THEIR PART THAT MAF INSPECTION AND SHIPMENT CANNOT BEGIN ON ABOVE DATE, AS THEY HAVE APPROVED JAPANESE IMPORTATION FROM ONO-PAC AS PER REF.

5. AT CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSIONS MAF GAVE AGATT REPS MEMO
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TO THOMASSON FROM FUKUDA REQUESTING AGATT TO INFORM ALL

CONCERNED AGENCIES IN U.S. THAT MAF DESIRES THAT ONO-PAC
PAPAYA SHIPMENTS TO JAPAN BE ALLOWED TO BEGIN AS SCHEDULED
ON MAY 29.

6. FULL TRANSLATION OF MEMO FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: NO. 49-160, MAY 28, 1974

TO: L.F. THOMASSON, AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE
AMERICAN EMBASSY, TOKYO

FROM: DR. HIDEO FUKUDA, DIRECTOR, PLANT PROTECTION
DIVISION, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION
WITH OUR PLANT PROTECTION PROGRAMS.

THE OTHER DAY WE WERE PLEASED TO LEARN FROM OUR PLANT
QUARANTINE INSPECTOR STATIONED IN HAWAII THAT AS A
RESULT OF FAVORABLE PROGRESS IN COORDINATING THE INSPECTION
SCHEDULE (FOR THE FOUR TREATMENT FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE
TWO NEW FACILITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED AS TREATMENT
FACILITIES TO HANDLE HAWAIIAN PAPAYAS FOR EXPORT TO JAPAN
BY OUR LETTER OF NO. 49-140, DATED MAY 9, 1974) THE
TREATMENT AND MAF INSPECTION OF ONO PAC CORP. PAPAYA
DESTINED FOR JAPAN HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BEGIN FROM MAY 29,
1974.

SINCE THEN, HOWEVER, WE WERE SURPRISED AS WE WERE INFORMED
BY THE SAME INSPECTOR, THAT THE PLANNED INSPECTION CANNOT
BEGIN DUE TO A SUDDEN CHANGE IN THE ABOVE SCHEDULE FOR SOME
REASON.

WITH REGARD TO THE BASIC WEEKLY INSPECTION SCHEDULE, WE
DISCUSSED THE PLAN WHICH WAS PRESENTED BY MR. ERSKINE, CHAIR-
MAN, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
WHEN HE VISITED OUR OFFICE ON APRIL 18, 1974. UPON
STUDYING THE PRESENTED PLAN, IT WAS MUTUALLY AGREED THAT
THE PLAN IS ACCEPTABLE. THEREFORE, WE HAVE BEEN UNDER THE
IMPRESSION, THAT THE ONLY REMAINING COORDINATION WORK WAS
TO FIT THE RESPECTIVE FACILITIES INTO THE BASIC SCHEDULE.
WHILE WE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE REASON FOR THIS CHANGE
IN PLANS, WE WISH TO ASK YOU TO INFORM THE AGENCIES
CONCERNED IN YOUR COUNTRY THAT BECAUSE SUCH A SUDDEN
CHANGE MAY CAUSED CONFUSION IN MAY RESPECTS THAT THE
INSPECTION PROCESS SHOULD BE STARTED AS IT HAS BEEN PLANNED
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIC SCHEDULE WHICH WE HAVE
AGREED TO EARLIER. END QUOTE.
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